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1. Before and during the war, a school for foreign Communists was functioning at Planernaya, in the vicinity of Moscow. This school has since been moved to another place, also near Moscow, the exact location of which source does not know.
2. 25X1X the school gives two courses: one preparatory and one for more politically advanced pupils. The course for advanced pupils is attended by elements who, at the conclusion of their studies, are supposed to be sent abroad. Several pupils graduated from the higher course actually have been sent abroad. Pupils of the lower course also are lured by the promise of being sent abroad, but this promise is never fulfilled. In both courses, revolutionary tactics, sabotage, guerrilla warfare, history, literature, philosophy, political economy, and foreign languages are taught.
3. The results of the pro-Soviet propaganda taught in the lower course are far from satisfactory. In fact, as soon as the pupils are sent back to the factories, the living conditions of the workers and the great disparity between the treatment accorded the workers and that accorded the executives have a bad effect on them.
4. Pupils attending the higher course live under the illusion that they will be able to work abroad for the greatness of their country and harbor the secret hope that they may be able to build better types of Socialist reforms than those applied in the USSR itself. Their attitude, however, remains more or less the same: if not actually anti-Soviet, it can be called non-Soviet. This frame of mind can be detected in conversations among intimate friends, although nothing specific is ever said.
5. The instructors at this school are persons who are completely trusted by the Soviet executives, officials of the MVD or MGB, and experts on terrorist tactics and sabotage. None of the instructors uses his own name.
6. The executives of the Spanish Communist Party, aware of the far from satisfactory conditions of the Spanish emigres in the USSR and also with a view to avoiding further demoralization of the Spaniards which might easily develop into a proper anti-Soviet feeling, were given permission

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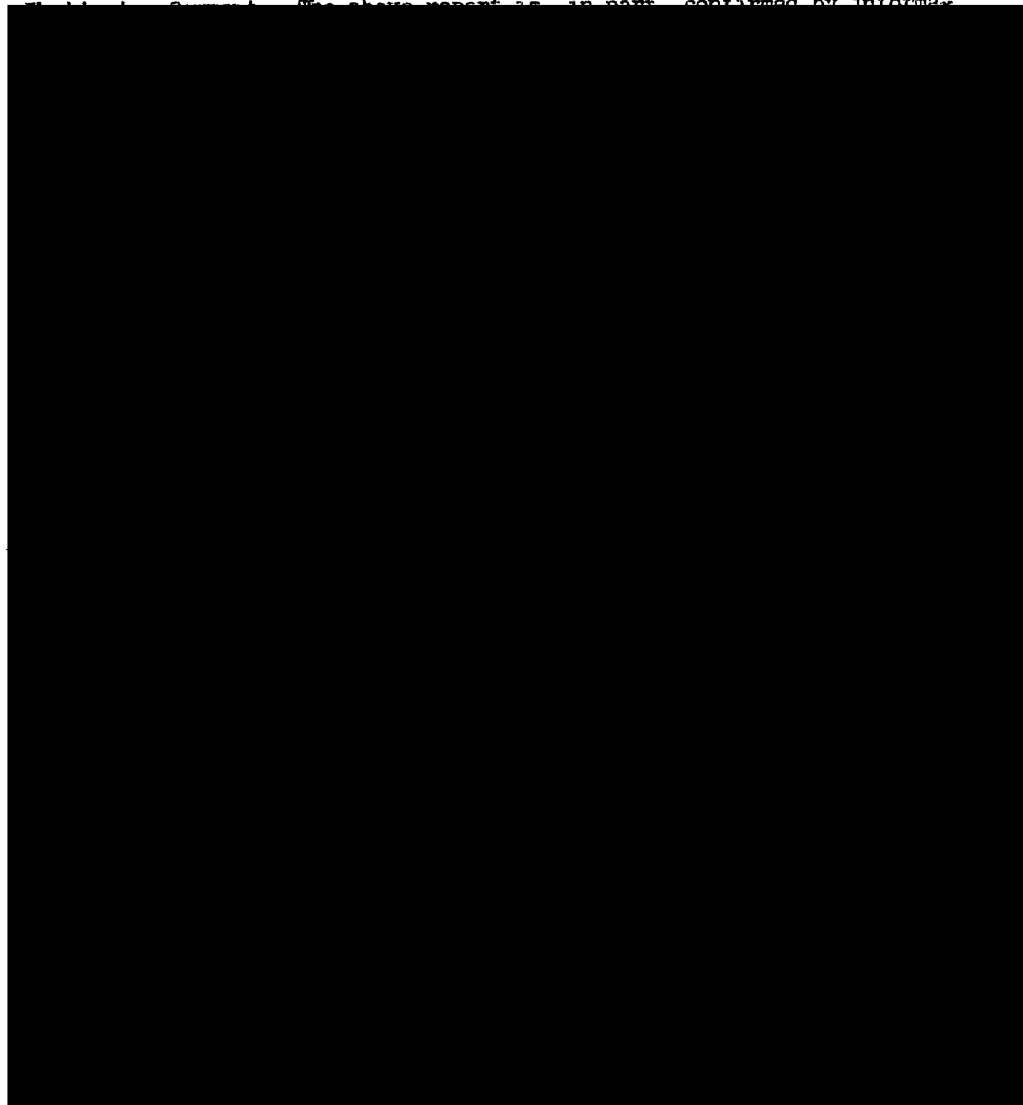
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by the Central Committee to send most of the Spanish emigres to this school.

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